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(54) **Coated development electrodes and methods thereof**

(57) An apparatus for reducing accumulation of toner from the surface of an electrode member in a development unit of an electrostatographic printing apparatus which includes providing a coating on at least a portion of the electrode member.

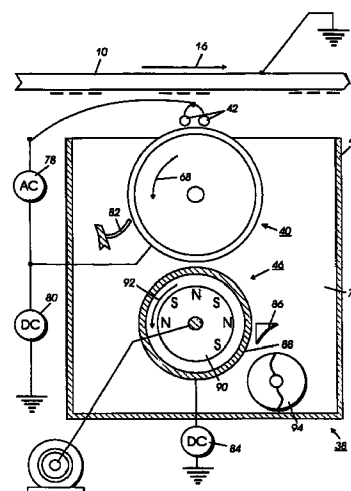


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